SIMIAN SERVANTS.

DOMESTICS TO BE RECRUITED FROM THE MONKEY TRIBES.

An Interesting Problem Discussed by a French Naturalist-Not a New Idea. Some Very Interesting Cases-The Next

Can monkeys be domesticated and made as useful to man as the horse, the ox and he ass are useful, but in a different way! Such is the interesting problem discussed in a book just issued here by M. Victor Mennier, who has made a usly of these curious specimens kingdom.

And it is problem, according to the author, will in time receive a successful solution. Mankind will in the future draw from the ranks of the Simian tribes servants skillful enough to perform tasks now only discharged by reasoning-I had almost said "reasonable" -beings-tasks that require only strength of muscle, skill of hand and ordinary intelli-

monkey race. Among the latter he places the Barbary spe, the pouched, the striated and other varieties; among the former the chimpanzee, the gorilla, the orang-outang and the "gibbon," or long armed species. And it is only from among the last named that the servants of the future will be recruited.

NOT A BAD IDEA. Nor is the idea of Simian domestics a new one. Buffon, in the last century, staked his

great reputation as a naturalist on the follow-

"I have seen a chimpanses that always waihed on two legs, even when carrying heavy burdens. A word or sign was sufficient to make him obey, and his temper was equable and gentle. I have seen him offer his partion. I have seen him take his seat at | Trumble in New York News. table, unfold his napkin, wipe his lips, use a spoon and fork, pour out a glass of wine and design a health when invited. I have seen him take a cup and saucer, place it on the tuble, pour out tea, put sugar in it, let it get cool before drinking, and all without other instigation than the signs or words of his

"He never injured any one, but always approached you carefully, and as if wishing to be petted. He was predigiously fond of candies, everybody ted him with them, and as he had a cough and his lungs were affected, it is supposed that the indulgence of this appetite shortened his life. He only lived one summer in Paris and died the following winter in

Another learned savant, Camille Flam-marion, points out that all the chimpanzees that have been brought to Europe have been similarly duelle. One that had been brought to the roological garden in Antwerp was taken into the family of the superintendent. He showed affection for his master's children, shared their games, went with them into the garden, picked cherries for them, dragged them about in a little carriage and even sometimes dined with them, when he would empty a glass of champagne to the health of the com-

A TRAINED PEMALE MONREY.

A female monkey, described by Capt, Grandperret, had been trained while on a voyage to America to heat the oven, and performed her duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. She was careful not to let the be showed his cleverness; he wanted to arrest burning coals tumble out on the deck, and also the thief's accomplice, so he let the wagon was evidently pleased when the proper degree proceed again, after having received the of heat was obtained. She would then go thanks of the driver for assistance. But as it and inform the baker. But this was not her rolled away Blusset climbed upon the stepsat only specialty, or, to speak more correctly, she had no specialty. She could turn her hand [5 to all and any of the ordinary em-ployments of the anilor, such as weighing an-it was before the establishment on the boulecher, taking in said and making everything tant, and not only this, but what she did was mounted and retired. He saw the third great so well done that the Jack Tars came to re-the concierge of the establishment and with gard her us quite one of themselves. the concierge of the establishment and with

sweep the room, make the bels, turn the spit, etc. Having falsen sick a blesding set him on his feet again. Nor did he forget what cared him, for being again attacked a year afterwards and some the laborated and all parties to it secured at a single blow.—Paris Cor. Philadelphia Times. afterwards, and the room, he held out his arm that the process might be repeated.

Fiorlia, was one day entertained at San roasted birds before him and a crowd of club Geroniano by Gen. Llorenta. The latter several times referred to his servant Antonio, and then seals them up in an envelope. Two and striking a bell Antonio appeared. He witnesses sign their names and the date. The was a monkey about four feet in height, dressed in white trousers and a red vest and postoffice with its mountain of bulging en-wearing a cap. At a signal from his master wearing a cap. At a signal from his masser he stuck a napkin under his arm and laid the table. "And," adds M. Poussielque, "he waited on up, doing everything himself, more rapidly than four negro servants would have done it." Antonio was 12 years old, having been born in the Gaboon and brought it. But it's true. I smell of quail. Curious, isn't it. But it's true. I smell just like quail. I will be a proper to task quall just like quail. to Florida by the negro who had educated

The question then recurs, can the monkey be domesticated and made subservient to min, as the dog, the borse, the ox has been month. The legs are the gamiest part, and month. The legs are the gamiest part, and when a man has eaten all the quali that he to hunt and be a faithful guardian of man's interests; the ox has been taught to drag heavy loads, but the intelligence of the ape far surpasses any of the so called domestic

The New Invasion.

The new invasion of the south continues, and not a day passes without a party of northern visitors invading this section for the and I have not more than three or four hours purpose of inspecting its advantages. The other day the western humbermen's excurnsisting of several hundred of the largest lumber dealers in the west and northwest, were examining the splendid forests of central Alabama; another party, from New England, was being carried diagonally through the iron districts of Alabama and the pine region of Mississippi; while a third party -lown, lilinois and northwestern capitalists -was inspecting the resources of the Yazoo

This is the story of one day, and includes only the larger parties backed by large capi-tal, making these investigations with a view of the land office for West Tennessee, that to possible investments. Our southern specials has been missing since the war. Mr. John give account of numerous smaller parties W. Gates, register of the land office, has caretouring through the south with a combination of business and pleasure in view; and as for and will soon have them in shape for future single individuals, there is scarcely a southern reference and preservation. One leaf repre-paper which comes to us without a number of sents two grants, 1,000 acres on one side and their lives only take accident policies wher paper which comes to us without a mainter of personals telling how Mr. A, of New York; personals telling how Mr. A, of New York; have been seen and seeing the lands or water powers and seeing the alaptability of the surround-of the county register's office are burned.—New Orleans Times-Democrat. and seeing the adaptability of the surrounding country for mining, factories, farming or stock raising. We are evidently in the midst of an era of great investment, which must be inevitably followed by an era of great development, infinitely greater than the development now under way. - New Orleans Times-

Not Well Acquainted.

Squilnib—Dilby, how many books are there in the Bible? Dilby-Elest if I know! Find a new one every time I look into it.

Importance of Crops.

If crops were estimated commercially in proportion to their value, corn would be first, and, wheat third, cotton fourth, potaand tohurco sixth. The production of eggs and poultry is nearly equal to that of cotton and largely exceeds in value the combined crops of potatoes and tobacco.

AN AFFECTIONATE CAT.

Maltese Thomas Which Shows Decidedly Canine Traits of Fidelity. It is universally held that the cut cannot experience sufficient affection for a person to develop the passion of jealousy, which every the dog. It follows at its owner's beels about the house and even attempts to pursue her when she goes out. It watches for her return at the door, and after any prolonged absence exhibits sulkiness at what it evidently regards as unjustifiable neglect. The only period of the day or night at which it voluntarily whill leaves her side is in the morning, when it face scratches at the maid's door to wake her up, and fawns upon her for its breakfast. At all other times it avoids the girl and will permit no fondling by her.

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but were the higher and l lamentations. The interloper was reclaimed next day, much to the satisfaction of 'Frisco. who had spent most of the time spitting at ... or sulking in a dark corner, where he could watch it, growling incessantly. Since the idea that courtesy makes it necessary to let every stranger, without consideration of his every stranger, without consideration of his every stranger, without consideration of his protest. The cut is as wild with jealousy as any woman ever was, and is perfectly femi-

He is at present being fed on tenderloin steaks and broiled quail, in the hope that he will consent to make up and be friends again. hand to lead out those who had been calling on his muster and walk with them like a comnothing of the quall but the bones.—Alfred

A Paris Detective's Shrewdness.

It is so seldom that detectives in real life actually do anything very clever that it is worth while recording their achievements, however slight, when they show some degree of ingenuity and devotion. The hero of this story is Detective Blusset. For two or three weeks be had been watching three men whom he suspected of practicing crime by the theft of teams and wagons left standing in the street. With a brother detective, Garnier, Blusset a day or two ago saw the three thieves following a wagon loaded with four casks. Presently the teamster stopped at a saloon and went inside. Immediately the thieves got to work. Two of them remained on the ground to keep watch, while the third mounted briskly to the driver's seat and drove rapidly away. Leaving Garnier to see to the arrest of the two watchers, which was soon accomplished, Blusset set off on a run in pursuit of the flying wagon. It was not long before he was blowing like a porpoise under the unusual exercise, and he began to think that perhaps he would better give up the chase, when the horses became suddenly un-manageable and the wagon stopped. The animals in all probability were restive at the sound of a strange voice directing them.

This was Blusset's opportunity, and, run-ning forward with an air of great good nature, he assisted the thief to get the horses under control. He could have arrested the thanks of the driver for assistance. But as it at the tail board of the wagon, and squatted there out of sight should the driver happen to gard her as quite one of themselves.

At Lorago a chimpannee was trained to go
for water to the river and wood to the forest,
the aid of the first one he met succeeded in

A Quall Enter's Experience.

A few minutes after midnight Mr. Paul sits An explorer, M. Poussielque, traveling in down at a table in his cafe with two nicely

didn't begin to taste quall until two days ago. That's the bardest thing about the match. I

"There is one curious effect that quail eatheavy loads, but the intelligence of the ape far surpasses any of the so called domestic animals, in that he alone has a hand and can become a workman.—Paris Cor. New York Gravibic see a sort of luminous mist, just as if I was some sort of a ghost. I thought that this might upset my nerves in some way and prevent me from sleeping soundly, but the fact sleep a day. Naturally I sleep soundly."New York Herald.

A Curious Story.

A Jackson, (Tenn.) special gives the followcurious bit of information: "There is a shabby looking house on College street, in this city, that has for years been occupied by negro tenants! It has two rooms and rents for only \$8 per month, and yet one of these rooms is, or was embellished with paper representing real estate now worth more than \$1,000,000. The four sides were covered with fully gathered up these valuable documents

Boston Corbett in Kansas.

Boston Corbett, the man who shot Wilkes Booth, the assessin of President Lincoln, is Railroad cars are all insured, and the com now an assistant doorkeeper in the Kansas panies figure very closs—so close that there legislature. He lives in a dugout in Cloud is not much profit in it, the only inducement county, and is very poor.

and Whittier are all that remain of the abolition party of the past. As for myself, I found the British people had the most absurd idea all the farmers. There are also tornado comthe British people had the most absurd idea of the invertance of my work in the cause of the enancipation of the slave. My services in that matter were always dwell upon at length by those who introduced me when I lectured. I finally got to believe that two people were alone responsible for the emancipation of the colored people. I was one, and my sister, Mrs. Harriet Bescher Stowe, was the other."

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A WARNING TO SMOKERS.

His Lighted Cigar, A placid and callow looking young man, who were a silk hat, a fur trimmed coat, light overgaiters and patent leather shoes, tripped one knows is co-amon enough in the cannot mindly up to a well fed man seated in the race. I am prepared to produce at least one Lindell hotel lobby yesterday and raised a mutilated "snipe" to his lips with: "A light, it is a superb maltese thomas of the purify ou please?" The well fed man continued est breed and bears the name of Trisco, to work his half smoked eigar while he made conferred upon it as a diminutive for San Francisco. It has been brought up from bittenhood by its present mistress, and has developed all the traits of fidelity common to uneasy gaze at the burning cigar. Two min-utes passed in that way, and the well fed man was tired, and he showed it.

"I have: 't a match, but you can probably get a light at the cigar stand," said he, rising to point out to the young man an alcohol

blaze not ten steps away.

"Beg y'r pawdon," gasped the callow one,
while a flush of indignation chased over his

The well fed man resumed his seat and

puffed away serenely at his cigar.

"That was right," observed the first to speak, "and, though it is a little innovation A few days ago a stray kitten wandered into the house and the women fed and fondled act. I always carry matches for the benefit it and permitted it the run of the place.

Trisco was frantic and gave it battle at once. may be able to smoke my own cigar, but if I chance to be caught without a match I never impertinence to ask a man for a light off his cigar, but custom has established that imper-tinence so firmly you are criticised if you at-

his basket he has refused to enter as the mistress puts him in he speedily escapes and hides himself. He follows her about as man. "If I am smoking a cigar and it is half or three-quarters burned, I am not going half or three-quarters burned, I am not going the makes the usual apto let a stranger in sile it and then turn it to my mouth. A gentleman who the iks before he acts would not expect me to, and when I happen to be without a match and do not feel flush snough to buy another cigar, I politely inform the man that I am without a match. It is only occasionally you run upon a man who is so rude as to ask you why

you don't give him your cigar."
"It was only yesterday," interrupted an attentive listener, "that I saw a physician stop cutting the diseased flesh of a patient and light a cigar. Three minutes later a man dropped around and asked the physician for a light. He gave it to him. I would not have touched his cigar, nor would I have al-lowed him to touch one I was smoking, for man is naturally a careless animal. There is an immense number of persons whose busine it is to handle poisonous substances, and in addition to these there are not a few cidentally touch a matter of which a small particle will taint a cigar. The most minute speck of poison will cling to the moistened part of a cigar, and, touched to a chapped lip, may destroy your comfort and the beauty of your face for weeks. The drug clerk, compounding prescriptions in which are deadly poisons, runs out to get one of the ingredients at another corner, and while on the way con-siders it his unquestioned privilege, under the present custom, to ask you for a light. The chemist, the scientist, the physician and mechanics employed in certain kinds of labor are equally dangerous men to give or receive a 'light' from. One workman may have brass dust on his fingers as he goes home from work, but he does not consider that. I will, and hereafter my cigar will be inviolate."—St. Louis Republican.

A Kansas Preacher's Scheme. The following is a copy of a letter recently

received from a man in Kansas in the office of a prominent claim agent of this city:
"Sir.—I want to ask you to find me a boy. I am willing to enter into duplicate contract with you, allowing you \$25 for your trouble. I want a boy, strictly white, not over 6 years of age nor under 18 months. I want him to be of good blood, though he may come through a disgraceful channel—as, indeed. that is the source from whence I expect him. I want his parents or those having him at their disposal to invest at least \$1,000 in a good piece of western land, lot the title be in any party they may select, but allowing me the free use and benefit of it (by keeping taxes paid up) until the child (boy) is 21 years of age, it being stipulated in the agreement that, should the boy live to be 21 years of age, then the land be his; jut should be die in his minority, then the land would revert to some 89-tf one clse, and I would give possession. I believe these are about the conditions I am willing to take the child, raise it as my own, treat it as my own, educate it as my own. I have but one child; it is a girl. I am 40 years of age, am a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and have no home, and I think this is a lawful and Christian way to get one. The \$25 I would pay out of my own pocket. If you will undertake to find the boy send blanks for duplicate contract. Respectfully, Rev. —,"-Washington Star.

Remarkable Civility in Paris.

The manner in which civility grows and flourishes in Paris during the month of De sember is very remarkable. Your concierge who is more likely than not to be very disobliging ten or eleven months out of the year, will begin to put on gracious manners in the first days of December, and will be come stendily more gracious, more smiling, more auxious to serve you, until she has re-ceived on or about New Year's day the object she has had in view in expending upon you s whole month's civility. All manner of people are on the lookout, for etrennes show you various little attentions as the year is draw ing to a close which they forget to show at

A favorite bit of strategy is to give you ar almanae, so that by the time the new year opens you are in a position to hang a calen dar in each of your rooms and offer some more to your friends. People whose occupations you know nothing about, or would rather know nothing about, look up between Christmas and New Year's day and inform you of the duties they have been in the habit of performing for you as well as others. Al together, the new year is a very bad time for those whose incomes are as tightly fitted to normal conditions of existence as a hoop is to a barrel. It is no wonder that some people actually run away from Paris for a month of six weeks to escape the etrennes season. Paris Cor. Boston Transcript.

The Accident Insurance Crare. Accident insurance has made a steady

running growth during the present year, and seems to be a popular craze. I know of can vassers who are taking in as high as twenty policies a day. All railroad men are going into it, and I find the workingmen following. gone into many peculiar ramifications. Did you know that railroads insure more than

being the large amount that can be taken, owing to the to small quantity of property nearly Waru overher sain to a rimage pris-reporter the other day: "Holmes, Lungwell and Whittier are all that remain of the aboli-area of country to cover. When a cyclone

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